vised to utilise the services of staff to the optimum level during office hours and to tighten the standards of supervision so as to increase the output to reduce the need for putting the staff on overtime work. A limit has also been imposed on the amount to be spent on OTA by various Ministeries/ Departments. It is felt that these measures will help in checking the expenditure on OTA in Government offices.

[*English*]

Rural Roads Corporations

6513. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has since set up a Rural Roads Corporation and its branches have also started functioning at State level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Imports of Drugs and Chemicals

6514. SHRI VISWANATHAM KANITHI:
SHRI KONATHALA RAMAKRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drugs and the chemicals imported for pharmaceutical industry, in bulk, during the last three year, product-wise and year-wise;

(b) the total quantity at foreign exchange involved in the imports and

(c) the details of the firms permitted to import these items in bulk during the last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c). The details of import of drugs and chemicals, product-wise and firmwise are not monitored by this Department.

(b) As per the data compiled by DGHS the total quantity of foreign exchange involved in imports during the last three years, were to the extent indicated below:-

Year	*Total Import (Rs. in lakhs)*
1988-89	446.91
1989-90	652.12
1990-91	800.00

[*Translation*]

Allocation of Mithilated spirit and Alcohol to Medicine Manufacturing Units

6515. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drug manufacturing companies of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan which have been alloted mithilated spirit and Alcohol to manufacture drugs during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware of the misuse of these materials allocated to the said companies;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether incidents of deaths have

occurred in many cities due to the manuufacturing of spurious wine by misusing the said materials;

(e) if so, the whether the Government propose to make any stringent law in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f). Allocation of Methylated Spirit and Alcohol by consuming units, including drug manufacturers, is made by the State Govts concerned who are also responsible for preventing the misuse of these materials for manufacture of spurmous drinks etc.

Development of Medium Cities

6518. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reports regarding the development of medium cities of Gujarat have been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). While reports on utilisation of funds have been received, complete reports on physical progress of work have not been received. A statement showing release of funds in respect of Gujarat is given in the enclosed statement. Release of funds is made on the basis of information regarding extent of utilisation of funds released earlier.